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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 4, 2004, the claims of Species I (Claims 1-8 and 20) drawn to structures/structural elements of a battery for a hearing aid having a specific configuration (D>L) are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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